Introduced by Senator Romero

February 15, 2007

An act relating to Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 299, as introduced, Romero. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation: female inmates.

Existing law establishes the California Institution for Women for the punishment, treatment, supervision, custody, and care of female inmates.

This bill would make a legislative finding that a female inmate would be more prepared for reentry into society after imprisonment if a gender-specific rehabilitative program was available to her while in prison.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds that to ensure public safety,
- 2 it is essential that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- 3 provides inmates with rehabilitative programs. Research shows
- 4 that gender-specific programs for female inmates enables more
- 5 complete reentry into society for female inmates than rehabilitative
- 6 programs not tailored to the specific needs of female inmates.